EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

HELD IN

PHILADELPHIA,

BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF FIFTH MONTH TO THE SEVENTEENTH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE,

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S. W. COR. FIFTEENTH AND RACE STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

EXTRACTS.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 13th day of the Fifth month to the 17th of the same, inclusive, 1895.

Reports were received from all our constituent branches, and the one hundred and twenty-nine Friends therein named as representatives to attend the service of this meeting now being called, were all present except twelve; for the absence of one a sufficient reason was assigned.

Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were produced and read as follows:

For William M. Way, a minister from Little Britain Monthly Meeting of Friends held First month 19th, 1895. Endorsed by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, held Third month 1st, 1895.

For Isaac Wilson, a minister from West Lake Monthly Meeting, held at Bloomfield, Ontario, Fourth month 18th, 1895.

For John L. Griffen, an elder from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of New York, held Fifth month 1st, 1895.

For Clarkson Heacock and Elizabeth B. Heacock, his wife, members from West Monthly Meeting, Ohio, held Fourth month 24th, 1895.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Genesee and Illinois, were received and read. They are inserted in the Appendix commencing at page 67. To respond as way opens to these evidences of regard and Christian fellowship, and also to assist the Clerks in gathering the exercises of the meeting, and in transcribing and forwarding the Epistles, a committee was appointed.

The Representatives were desired to confer together and propose to our next sitting the name of a Friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, also the names of two Friends to serve as Assistant Clerks the present year. They were further desired to propose the names of Friends to compose a committee to unite with a committee of Women's Meeting in auditing the accounts of the Treasurer and of the Trustees appointed by this meeting; in examining the securities in their keeping; reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year; nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as correspondents of the Yearly Meeting.

Second-Day—Afternoon.

The Representatives reported that they had met as directed, and were united in proposing Emmor Roberts for Clerk, and Alfred Moore and Isaac H. Hillborn for Assistant Clerks, who, on separate consideration, were united with and accordingly re-appointed to the respective services. They also proposed the names of Friends to join a Committee of Women's Meeting in examining the Treasurer's account, etc., who were united with and appointed to the service.

The following communication, accompanied with a check of Anna T. Jeanes for two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000), payable to the order of Edmund Webster, Treasurer of this Meeting, was received and read:

"To the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, held at Race and Fifteenth Streets, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is donated from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, to be devoted to Educational purposes, to Libraries, and the encouragement of Literature on subjects moral, scientific, and truthful; and for the support of Monthly Meeting Schools under the management of members of the Society of Friends, located in districts where Friends are in sufficient numbers to require the use of School Buildings, and beyond the limits of the City of Philadelphia."

Upon consideration thereof the Meeting united in accepting the gift therein mentioned.

A Committee was appointed to join a Committee of Women's Meeting in preparing a suitable minute acknowledging the same and in nominating Trustees of the fund. It was also requested to present to this Meeting or to the Yearly Meeting to be held next year suggestions for the proper disposition thereof.

(For their names see page 106)

The Committee on Education and Schools produced the following report, which was read, considered and approved.

The committee was released, and a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with Women's Meeting in bringing forward for the consideration of a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to continue the work.

Report of Committee on Education and Schools.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The number of schools under the care of Monthly or Preparative Meetings is the same as at last report, thirty-three. With the exception of four, they have all been visited by members of sub-committees appointed for this purpose.

From these visiting committees we have had presented at the regular meetings of this committee the condition of the

various schools; these reports show no reason for discouragement, but on the contrary, in most instances, a marked increase of interest is apparent. The standard of the teaching is being improved from year to year by the careful and just requirings of the local committees. We find also a manifest increase in the concern to teach lessons of temperance, by showing the baneful influences of alcohol and narcotics on the human system. Talks on this and other subjects have been given by the visitors, which we learn from members of the Local Committes have been very acceptable to them and to the school, proving, we believe, profitable occasions.

After a careful consideration of the subject, the Committee thought best to give up the Training school; we hope a department of this kind may in the future be added to the George School. This sub-committee has continued to look after such schools as desired their assistance in filling the places of absent or visiting teachers, and also in securing positions for teachers. Through this change we have been enabled to extend aid to more schools in need of such assistance without increasing the amount drawn from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

Educational Conferences having proved instructive and interesting occasions, the committee have felt encouraged to continue them, and through a sub-committee appointed for that purpose three have been held, two in Philadelphia and one at Abington.

The regular meetings of the Committee have been fairly well attended, and the desire has been felt to use our time and the means afforded us by the Yearly Meeting to the best advantage. They have been seasons of inspiration and of profit, and we wish to extend to the members of the Yearly Meeting two weighty concerns which have occupied us. The

first led to the adoption of the following minute in Fifth month last: "That our members feel deeply after the attendance of our Mid-week Meetings, especially where the children of the several schools are required to attend, that the presence of such as are members may add to the life thereof."

The other, that in localities where schools are established under the care of the meeting our members should avail themselves of these opportunities to give their children the good and guarded education thus presented. We believe in some instances aid has been extended to schools that would not have required it, had a better patronage been thus given. We have, however, felt encouraged to continue the work in this way, believing that in offering these facilities to others, as well as to our own members, their value is not lost, but in a measure fulfills the design of our labors, which is to advance the cause of education and at the same time to elevate the standard of morality.

Orders have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount of eighteen hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty cents ($1,852.50).

LEWIS V. SMEDLEY, Clerk.
LUCY S. COOPER, Assistant Clerk.

Fourteenth of the Month and Third of the Week.

The Committee having charge of the George School produced the following report, which was read and united with, and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the meeting. The Committee was continued.

The Trustees of the John M. George Bequest are instructed to pay over to the Committee as requested by it twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), of the principal of the Fund, together with all income now in their hands and to accrue during the coming year.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We can thankfully say that the school has been open through the past year,—during the terms as arranged,—without interruption from sickness or other cause. There are as many boarding pupils as there are satisfactory accommodations for. A dormitory for boys, containing twenty-two bedrooms, has been erected, and has been occupied since the Eleventh month. The farm buildings have been completed. An additional shed for carriages of day pupils, etc., has been erected. A skating pond has been made in the meadow near the railway station. This was used during part of the winter, but it is as yet far from being in a permanently satisfactory condition. Considerable work has been done at clearing underbrush out of the woods near the school building, and at other improvements of the grounds.

Arrangements have been made that the farm shall not be let out to a tenant, but that operations shall be conducted under a Superintendent. Charles B. Jessup has been engaged in that capacity, and has entered on the work.

The need of better facilities for physical training, and of a place for the children to exercise during inclement weather, being urgently felt, it is proposed to erect during this season a gymnasium. It is also proposed to build an infirmary, so that cases of illness can be taken care of outside the main building; and it is proposed to build two small houses for

farm help. It is believed that the aggregate cost of the buildings enumerated will be about $12,000.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year is 189,—164 of whom are boarders, and 25 day pupils,—as follows:

Boarders who are members of our Society	124
" " have one parent a member,	35
" " have neither parent a member,	5
Day pupils who are members,	4
" " " have one parent a member,	3
" " " have neither parent a member,	18

Of the boarders, 88 are girls, and 76 are boys. Of the day pupils, 13 are girls, and 12 are boys. The average age is about 17½ years.

There are twelve teachers, nine of whom are members of our Society.

The library contains 658 volumes of miscellaneous literature, 55 books of reference, and about 1,000 volumes, etc., of Friends' writings that have been kindly presented by interested Friends.

Since the last report, 139 new books, including nine books of reference, have been added to the Library.

All of the new books have been classified, and a card catalogue of nearly all of the books has been prepared. The Library is much appreciated by both teachers and students; but, as most of the books are really supplementary text-books, we feel that it is very desirable to have more works for general reading. This need will gradually be supplied.

The duties of the several sub-committees have, after some slight re-arrangement, been more carefully defined.

The Finance Committee reports as follows: The school accounts for the term of 1893–4, the institution having been open about four-fifths of an ordinary school year, show—

Expenses, ...		$27,708.03
Receipts on account of pupils, ...	$17,219.39	
Deficiency, made up from income of the George funds, ...	10,488.64	
		$27,708.03

These expenses are estimated to have been for each boarding pupil, $204.95, and for each day pupil, $78.48.

Balance in charge of Treasurer, Fifth month 1, 1894, ...	$1,181.71	
Balance in charge of Principal, Fifth month 1, 1894, ...	300.00	
Total, ...		$ 1,481.71
Received from Trustees on account of principal fund, ...		$22,000.00
Received from Trustees on account of income fund, ...		20,000.00
Received for pupils, ...		25,391.82
		$68,873.53
Paid on account of dormitory building, .	$17,060.90	
" " farm buildings, . . .	6,217.17	
" " buildings, sundries, .	958.51	
" " grounds, ...	2,358.46	
" " furnishing, ...	5,412.11	
" " farm, ...	1,743.19	
" " expenses of school, .	$33,195.37	
		$66,945.71
Leaving, ...		$ 1,927.82
Of which there is in charge of Treasurer,	$ 1,727.82	
In charge of the Principal, ...	200,00	
		$ 1,927.82

Total amount received from Trustees to Fourth month 1, ...		$257,000.00
Of which there was on acc't of principal,	$217,000.00	
On account of income, ...	40,000.00	
		$257,000.00
Total amount charged to buildings and grounds, ...		$214,910.38
Total amount charged to furnishing, . .		$ 27,083.41

In consequence largely of expenditure in improving the land the operations of the farm appear to have resulted in a small loss, but owing to a change in the method of its management and to delay in getting accounts, it seems best not to render a debtor and creditor statement this year.

We ask that the trustees be authorized to pay to this committee, as it may be needed during the coming year, $20,000.00 of the principal of the trust fund, and the income now in hand, and what will accrue during that time.

WM. WADE GRISCOM, Clerk.

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor made the following report, which was read, deliberately considered and united with. The Committee was released, and Friends were appointed to act with a Committee of Women's Meeting in nominating to a future sitting suitable Friends to continue this work.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor has held during the past year its three regular meetings, with fair average attendance. The committee has continued as during the previous

year to confine its labors in the five departments of philanthropy, namely: the Indians, Temperance and Tobacco, the Colored People, Improper Publications, and Peace and Arbitration. The reports of the sub-committees are embraced under the heads of their respective subjects.

Representatives were appointed to attend the meeting of the Friends' Union for Philanthropic Labor held Eighth month 13th, 14th and 15th at Chappaqua, New York. At this conference all of the seven yearly meetings were represented, and in the interchange of views much valuable information was given, besides the methods of work pursued, the general feeling being that these occasions were a strength and inspiration to those engaged in the work of helping our "brother man." The "Proceedings" were printed, and we authorized the sending of our proportion (1,750 copies) on the basis of membership to the correspondents of all our monthly meetings for distribution, in order that our members might have an opportunity of knowing what is being done in this line of work by the united action of the committees appointed by all the Yearly Meetings.

The meetings of the Union will be held within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1896; the time and place not yet selected.

The Executive Committee of the Union, feeling that more systematic work could be accomplished by being able to communicate directly with the workers in the various monthly meetings, at its meeting in Tenth month last authorized the sending of a blank, asking for information in this respect, which we sent to each of the monthly meetings, requesting them to give the subject their attention; to which sixteen reported no committees nor organization, eleven gave the

names of members, either as committees on the subjects, or interested in the different departments of Philanthropic Labor.

At a meeting held Fourth month 27th, the circular prepared by Aaron M. Powell, Superintendent of the Department of Purity, and that by Anna Rice Powell, Superintendent of the department of Demoralizing Publications, were read, approved, and authorized to be sent to the correspondents of our monthly meetings, with the request that they be read therein and to report what action was taken by them.

We have been informed by the attorney of the estate of Thomas E. Lewis, that $400 has been bequeathed for the use of our committee, $100 for the cause of temperance, and $300 for the education of the colored people of the South, which we have gratefully accepted, and authorized the payment of these sums to the proper sub-committees.

The Committee on Indian Affairs reports that at all of its meetings much interest has been manifested by those in attendance. In the Fifth month, 1894, it seemed evident that Congress would make radical and harmful reductions in the amounts appropriated for Indian purposes. A letter on this subject was prepared, with the request that our members generally send a copy of it to their Representative in Congress; in addition to which, the committee, believing many Congressmen not having been so reached, addressed a copy to all. A committee was appointed to visit Washington and present the same to the Senate of the United States, but as they were about ready to start, assurances reached them that the Senate had made the desired increase in the appropriations, so that a visit at that time seemed unnecessary. The matter of the claim of the Seneca Indians against the United States Government for money due them for the sale of their lands in New York State, which was referred to this Com-

mittee by the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, has had our consideration. The claims of these Indians are now pending in the Court of Claims at Washington, with the prospect of an early judgment being reached. Should their claim be decided favorably we will do what we can to influence Congress to pass an appropriation covering the finding of the court.

The Benjamin Coates Legacy has not been drawn upon since last Report.

The Committee on Temperance and Tobacco report encouragement, as they have realized an increased awakening in this great cause, evidenced by the unusual interest manifested in all the regular meetings of the Committee, together with a quickened earnestness felt in the fifty-eight conferences held throughout the quarterly meetings. Many of these have been addressed by eminent speakers who are willing to spend and be spent in the advancement of this subject, and especially have they been strengthened by the young First-day school workers, who have feelingly come forward to essay and recite truths in this direction.

85,894 pages of temperance literature have been purchased for distribution. The committee in Western Quarter have placed monthly 170 copies of Water Lily in Friends' and public schools for supplementary reading, and distributed 1,000 leaflets entitled "The Alcohol in Root Beer," emphatically showing this to be a non-temperance drink. To more widely disseminate the principles of temperance it has been recommended that juvenile temperance literature be taken in the First-day schools, and where a want is made known, help will be extended; in accordance with this same desire it was requested of, and acceded to, by the committee having charge of preparing lesson leaves, that one lesson in each quarterly issue be devoted to temperance.

The four temperance literary societies show unabated interest and increasing membership, The reading-room for boys, under the care of a committee in Philadelphia, has had a prosperous year.

Petitions have been sent to the Legislatures of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, asking for the passage of a bill for local option ; and to Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey, for a bill to make the keepers of saloons and sellers of liquors of all kinds responsible for injury done through the influence of liquor sold. A growing sentiment in favor of Prohibition has been manifested, and the elective franchise has been demonstrated as the practical way of registering our convictions for or against the legalized system, with stress laid upon equal suffrage as a means to the suppression of this un-Christian traffic. It was suggested that labor be extended to physicians, they being a powerful factor in moulding public sentiment, awakening them to a greater carefulness in the prescribing of liquor to patients, especially where there is a tendency to heredity for strong drink or narcotics, which have such damaging effect upon the moral, physical and intellectual forces.

The Committee on Colored People report that the plan adopted last year of sending circulars to the several monthly meetings on behalf of the two schools in South Carolina, was pursued this year. We regret to say that from the data obtainable the appeal was not responded to quite so generously as last year. It resulted, however, in contributions of money and goods of various kinds, which have helped to pay expenses and assist in clothing the destitute children. The two schools in South Carolina in which Friends are interested have continued with unfailing devotion in the education and culture of the multitude looking to them for help and instruction. The Schofield School opened last Fall with an almost

entirely new corps of teachers to fill vacancies. The standard has never been higher than in the present year; the workers seeming to be inspired with the Christian spirit of helpfulness, desiring to do their utmost for the elevation of those around them. The high tone and character of the school and its Faculty are felt far and near. The school has been regularly graded from the simple kindergarten and physical culture lessons, up to the graduating class; thoroughness in every line of work is required. The Principal says: "The children are capable of doing the best kind of work; we have seen work of colored people equal to that in any white school. It is not lack of capability, it is lack of opportunity in the past, and the mutual poverty of their environment, that makes them deficient." The industries connected with this Institution are carried on as heretofore, under an experienced foreman. It is hoped that money enough will be raised to complete the building of a farm house on the school land, three miles from Aiken, where some of the boys may live during the summer. This is a much needed addition, as well as a new laundry, for a better training of the girls in that department. The sewing industry always does creditable work, preparing even the little ones for usefulness in the home life. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather and the extreme poverty of the people, the Laing school has never been in a more flourishing condition. Opening with 125 pupils, it has increased to 350. The average attendance at last report was 335. On account of the large number of pupils, the great destitution of the people, and the extreme cold, quite unprecedented in that locality, the teachers have been overworked, and have suffered from illness, if not from actual want, as they were obliged to share their usual comforts with the needy and starving. The blighting of the growing crops by the cold, the low price of

cotton, the reduction of wages from 50 to 40 cents a day for men, and from 40 to 25 cents a day for women, have combined to make the condition of these people one of extreme poverty. Though the school tax is but 20 or 25 cents a month, the ability to meet the demand is sorely tested. A load of wood, a chicken, a dozen eggs, anything possible to them is freely offered. That the attendance should be so great under these many disabilities is strong testimony to the intense desire of these people for improvement. We regret the falling-off in the number of barrels sent, as this is a form of relief very valuable to the recipients, and requiring but little effort or sacrifice on the part of the donors. When we consider that the children of our Society, whose parents in most instances have abundant means, are educated gratuitously, should we not be willing to aid in the education and elevation of these less favored children of a common Father?

The Committee on Improper Publications report that its meetings have been held with a deep interest manifested in the various subjects coming forward for its consideration. Schools have been visited and teachers urged to the necessity for a close watchfulness over the literature coming within reach of their pupils, and also as to the advisability of acquainting themselves with the law regulating improper publications. Much concern is felt in regard to the reading and encouraging of Sunday papers, believing that the time thus spent could be more profitably employed. Feeling the great necessity of a pure literature entering the home, and being deeply interested in the education of the young, and the maintenance of a high standard of public morals, as well as being sensible to the vast power and influence wielded by the press, an Appeal was prepared and directed to be sent to the

editors and journalists, asking for their co-operation with us in this direction.

The Peace and Arbitration Committee feels hopeful from the thought that has been expressed that new material may be added to it, and with additional forces the field of labor may be extended. With the spirit and effort to introduce military training in our public schools, they feel that there is an active work required, not only by the committee, but by every advocate of the Peace Principle as it has been nurtured by the Society of Friends. A request was sent to all of the superintendents of First-day schools within the limits of the Yearly Meeting that they would devote the 3d First-day in Twelfth month to the consideration of "Peace." In many schools this was done, and the Committee feels that the exercises on Peace and Arbitration thus given may be the means of introducing new thought into the minds of our children that will result in good.

Since our last Yearly Meeting, we have to report the deaths of Annie Caley Dorland, Evan T. Swayne, Asa Engle, George T. Haines, Hannah C. Davis, and John Kester, whose efficient services and devotion to duty have left examples worthy of imitation.

The committee suggests to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of appointing a new committee on the subject of Philanthropic Labor.

Orders for three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents ($338.36) have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting during the past year.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee, Fourth month 27th, 1895.

JAMES H. ATKINSON,
ELEANOR K. RICHARDS, } Clerks.

Third-day—Afternoon.

The Committee on First-day Schools made the following report, which was read and united with. The Committee was continued, encouraged to further labor and authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reviewing the condition of the work entrusted to our care, the committee is gratified to report that there seems to be no falling-off of interest in the important labor, but, rather, new life manifested in some quarters. It is encouraging to learn of the good work going on, not only among the children, but that so many of our adult members have formed themselves into classes for the study and consideration of those serious subjects which pertain to our spiritual interests. The work we think steadily grows under the care of those concerned to promote the cause of righteousness and to spread the principles so dear to us, for the more we labor to this end the dearer do these principles become.

A concern exists on the part of our teachers to meet the spirit of inquiry that is in many youthful hearts.

The cheering word reaches us from several schools that the labor of the faithful ones in this line of duty is bearing fruit in increased membership.

One remote branch, the Southern Quarter, sends private information that they have a class of adults which follow the Lesson Leaves, and interesting remarks often ensue. During the summer they have two classes of children. Words of en-

couragement and sympathy are gratefully received by these distant Friends, who, although widely scattered, recognize their individual responsibility as workers in the Master's vineyard, and join with other sections in the common cause so closely connected with the interests of our loved Society.

In the three stated meetings of the committee held within the year, all the other Quarters were, in the main, favorably reported. One report states that all of their schools are in excellent condition. One of them which, from a local cause, had been under the shadow of discouragement, was reopened under more favorable conditions. Another, established a year ago, is much encouraged. A new school at Marlborough, and one at Stanton, Delaware, have been organized within the year.

The committee, realizing the importance of good literature on the development of the youth, is still working to increase the list of books which may be suggested for use, and the circulating libraries have increased to ten. These libraries are constantly in use, and twenty-three schools have had the benefit of them since last report.

Within the year we have lost by death three interested and valued members,—George T. Haines, Asa Engle, and John Kester. Their places were rarely vacant and their loss is keenly felt.

There are within the limits of the Yearly Meeting seventy-three schools, sixty-seven of which are under the care of their respective meetings.

Number of persons engaged as officers and teachers,	685
" of these who are members, ...	583
" of pupils enrolled, ...	5,897
" of these who are adults, ...	2,207

Number who are members,	3,006
" who have one parent a member,	683
" of books in the libraries,	21,567

The officers, teachers, and pupils generally attend meeting.

Expenses amounting to thirteen dollars and five cents have been incurred by the committee, for which draft has been made on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The importance of the work is livingly before us and Friends endeavor to encourage one another to draw together when opportunity offers, even though their numbers may be small, and gain a better understanding and appreciation of the value of Friends' principles.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

MARY MCALLISTER,
WM. W. BIRDSALL, } Clerks.

The first Query was read with the answers thereto as they came up from our constituent meetings.

The following summary answer thereto was adopted.

Our Religious Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been regularly held, excepting in instances mentioned in nearly all of the reports, some of which were occasioned by the storm of Second month 10th. Those held on First-days have generally been well attended, other meetings much neglected. The hour for gathering has been mostly observed, and the behavior of those assembled has been becoming.

Fifteenth of the Month and Fourth of the Week.

The Second and Third Queries with the answers received thereto were read and feelingly considered.

The following summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Second Query.

Love and unity have been very generally maintained, and a desire has been felt to discourage tale-bearing and detraction. When differences have become known endeavors have been used to end them.

Answer to Third Query.

A faithful testimony has been generally maintained in favor of the free ministry of the Gospel, and by most of our members against the system of a professional ministry.

Fourth-day—Afternoon.

The Fourth and Fifth Queries were read with the answers thereto. Summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Fourth Query.

A concern exists among us to bring up those under our care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, in the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, and to guard them

from pernicious reading and from corrupting influences of the world. We are conscious of shortcomings in ourselves respecting these things.

Answer to Fifth Query.

Friends have been very nearly clear of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as drink, and with few exceptions have been careful to discourage the same, and cautious in their use as medicine. Five cases have been reported of the signing of applications for license to sell, and one of renting property to be used for their sale.

The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of harmful diversion has been very generally avoided. Moderation and simplicity have, with an abatement in one report, been observed at marriages, funerals and on other occasions.

Sixteenth of the Month and Fifth of the Week.

The minutes of the Representative Committee were received and read. Their labors were approved.

By reports received from constituent meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed members of this Committee for the present year:

PHILADELPHIA.

Thomas J. Husband	241 South Eighth St., Phila.
Alfred Moore	300 Girard Building, Phila.
Jane P. Grahame	1 Cresheim Road, Germantown, Phila.
Sarah Griscom	622 Marshall Street, Phila.

ABINGTON.

John J. Moore	Quakertown, Pa.
Nathaniel Richardson	Byberry, Phila.
Elizabeth W. Hallowell	Meadowbrook, Mont. Co., Pa.
Elizabeth H. Comly	Horsham, Pa.

BUCKS.

David Satterthwaite	Fallsington, Pa.
John K. Scarborough	Pineville, Pa.
Elmira W. Twining	Newtown, Pa.
Anna Jane Williams	Holicong, Pa.

CONCORD.

J. Hibberd Bartram	Milltown, Pa.
Rolph M. Harvey	Ward, Pa.
Martha Dodgson	Darby, Pa.
Rachel W. Hillborn	Swarthmore, Pa.

CALN.

Benjamin Martin	Downingtown, Pa.
William L. Paxson	Parkesburg, Pa.
Carolein Hayes	Embreeville, Pa.
Mary A. Moore	Atglen, Pa.

WESTERN.

Bennett S. Walton . . . London Grove, Pa.
William Webster . . . . Ercildoun, Pa.
Sarah Ann Conard . . . West Grove, Pa.
Elma M. Preston . . . . Kennett Square, Pa.

SOUTHERN.

Daniel C. Cowgill . . . Dover, Del.
Robert B. Dixon . . . . Easton, Md.
S. Amanda Dixon . . . Easton, Md.
Elizabeth B. Turner . . Betterton, Md.

BURLINGTON.

Peter E. Harvey . . . . Columbus, N. J.
Franklin S. Zelley . . . Jacksonville, N. J.
Priscilla H. Clothier . . Mount Holly, N. J.
Mary P. South . . . . . Trenton, N. J.

HADDONFIELD.

Emmor Roberts . . . . Fellowship, N. J.
Josiah Rogers . . . . Lumberton, N. J.
Annie S. Albertson . . . Haddonfield, N. J.
Elizabeth L. Jessup . . . Moorestown, N. J.

SALEM.

William Wade Griscom . Woodbury, N. J.
Mark R. Dare . . . . . Greenwich, N. J.
Hannah T. Borton . . . Salem, N. J.
Elizabeth J. Acton . . . Salem, N. J.

FISHING CREEK.

J. Barton Eves . . . . . Millville, Pa.
R. Anna Kester . . . . Mordansville, Pa.
John Kester . . . . . 3225 Woodland Avenue, Phila.
Anna Kester . . . . . 3225 Woodland Avenue, Phila.

The following correspondents have been appointed:

CORRESPONDENTS OF PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING.

Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
Anne M. Griscom, 622 Marshall Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

CORRESPONDENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE.

Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

CORRESPONDENTS OF QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting of Friends.—Isaac H. Hillborn, 1305 Somerset Street, Phila.

Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia.—Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Phila.

Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Green Street, Phila.—Spencer Roberts, 634 North Twelfth Street, Phila.

Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, held at Spruce Street.—Edmund Webster, 1156 South Broad St., Phila.

Radnor Monthly Meeting of Friends.—Mary P. Thomas, King of Prussia, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Exeter Monthly Meeting of Friends.—Beulah K. Pearson, 852 Hamden St., Reading, Pa.

Abington Quarterly Meeting—Benjamin F. Penrose, Ogontz, Montgomery Co., Pa.

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Byberry Monthly Meeting.—Watson C. Martindale, Byberry, Phila.

Horsham Monthly Meeting.—Anna Moore, Prospectville, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting.—Susan Y. Foulke, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Richland Monthly Meeting.—John J. Moore, Quakertown, Bucks Co., Pa.

Bucks Quarterly Meeting.—Mark P. Rich, Woodbourne, Bucks Co., Pa.
Falls Monthly Meeting.—Mark Palmer, Lizette, Bucks Co., Pa.
Middletown Monthly Meeting.—Mark P. Rich, Woodbourne, Bucks Co., Pa.
Wrightstown Monthly Meeting.—William Woodman, Buckmanville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Buckingham Monthly Meeting.—Anna Jane Williams, Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.
Solebury Monthly Meeting.—Eastburn Reeder, New Hope, Bucks Co., Pa.
Makefield Monthly Meeting.—Barclay Eyre, Dolington, Bucks Co., Pa.
Quakertown Monthly Meeting —Abram R. Vail, Quakertown, N. J.
Bristol Monthly Meeting.—Samuel Swain, Bristol, Pa.

Concord Quarterly Meeting.—Jonathan Travilla, West Chester, Pa.
Darby Monthly Meeting.—Thomas Garrigues, 123 North Thirty-third Street, Phila.
Chester Monthly Meeting.—Sarah B. Flitcraft, Chester, Delaware Co., Pa.
Goshen Monthly Meeting.—J. Hibberd Bartram, Milltown, Chester Co., Pa.
Concord Monthly Meeting.—Philena M. Temple, Ward, Delaware Co., Pa.
Wilmington Monthly Meeting.—William P. Bancroft, Wilmington, Del.
Birmingham Monthly Meeting.—Alfred D. Sharples, West Chester, Pa.
Swarthmore Monthly Meeting.—Alice Hall, Swarthmore, Pa.

Caln Quarterly Meeting —Nathan Maule, Lenover, Chester Co., Pa.
Bradford and Uwchlan Monthly Meeting.—Benjamin Martin, Downingtown, Chester Co , Pa.
Sadsbury Monthly Meeting.—Nathan Maule, Lenover, Chester Co., Pa.

Western Quarterly Meeting.—Ellwood Michener, Toughkenamon, Chester Co., Pa.

Centre Monthly Meeting.—John Mitchell, Hockessin, New Castle Co., Del.

Kennett Monthly Meeting.—Milton Barnard, Northbrook, Chester Co., Pa.

London Grove Monthly Meeting.—Bennett S. Walton, London Grove, Chester Co., Pa.

New Garden Monthly Meeting.—Ellwood Michener, Toughkenamon, Chester Co., Pa.

Pennsgrove Monthly Meeting.—Hiram K. Cooper, Elkview, Chester Co., Pa.

Fallowfield Monthly Meeting.—Milton Darlington, Pomeroy, Chester Co., Pa.

Southern Quarterly Meeting.—Daniel C. Cowgill, Dover, Del.

Third Haven Monthly Meeting.—Robert B. Dixon, Easton, Md.

Camden Monthly Meeting.—Daniel C. Cowgill, Dover, Del.

Cecil Monthly Meeting.—Richard T. Turner, Jr., Betterton, Kent Co., Md.

Northwest Fork Monthly Meeting.—William T. Kelley, Preston, Caroline Co., Md.

Burlington Quarterly Meeting.—Sarah R. Lamb, Mount Holly, Burlington Co., N. J.

Burlington Monthly Meeting.—E. Randolph Swain, Columbus, Burlington Co., N. J.

Chesterfield Monthly Meeting.—Benjamin Satterthwaite, Trenton, Mercer Co., N. J.

Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting.—Peter E. Harvey, Columbus, Burlington Co., N. J.

Mount Holly Monthly Meeting.—Priscilla H. Clothier, Mount Holly, Burlington Co., N. J.

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting.—Silas Walton, Moorestown, Burlington Co., N. J.

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting.—Charles S. Albertson, Magnolia, Camden Co., N. J.

Chester Monthly Meeting.—Silas Walton, Moorestown, Burlington Co., N. J.

Medford Monthly Meeting.—Isaiah A. Ballinger, Medford, Burlington Co., N. J.

Salem Quarterly Meeting.—Job S. Haines, Mickleton, Gloucester Co., N. J.

Woodbury Monthly Meeting.—Hannah A. Heritage, Mickleton, Gloucester Co., N. J.

Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting.—Edwin L. Borton, Woodstown, Salem Co., N. J.

Salem Monthly Meeting.—Thomas T. Hilliard, Salem, Salem Co., N. J.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting.—Mark R. Dare, Greenwich, Cumberland Co., N. J.

Fishing Creek Half-Yearly Meeting.— Frances M. Eves, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.

Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting.—William Underwood John, Bear Gap, Columbia Co., Pa.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Millville, Pa.—William W. Eves, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.

The Joint Committee appointed to nominate suitable Friends to compose the Committee on Education and Schools made a report. The Friends therein named were approved by the meeting and appointed to the service, with the exception of William P. Bancroft, who requested to be released. They were authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

(For the names of this Committee see page 113.)

The Joint Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to compose the Committee on Phil-

anthropic Labor made a report. The Friends therein named were united with by the Meeting and appointed to the service, excepting Anna Mary Martin, who was released at her own request. They were authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

(For the names of this Committee see page 116.)

The Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Queries were read with the answers thereto. Summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Sixth Query.

Care has been extended to members needing aid, and endeavors have been used to assist them in business where they are capable of it.

Their children have been freely instructed to fit them for suitable occupation and self-support. One instance is reported of a Friend's child having been placed from among Friends, and the same report makes an abatement in reference to those placed at school or to acquire a knowledge of business.

Answer to Seventh Query.

Friends have been generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to keep to moderation in their trade or business. Mostly punctual to promises

and prompt and just in the payment of debts. When reasonable grounds for concern have been given on these accounts labor has been extended for their preservation or recovery.

Answer to Eighth Query.

Care has been taken to treat with offenders in a spirit of meekness and love, without partiality, and endeavors used to reach judgment in right authority; but delays have been acknowledged.

Answer to Ninth Query.

Friends generally have maintained a faithful testimony in favor of peace and arbitration, and against war and the preparation for and excitements to it, fraudulent or clandestine trade, oaths, and all forms of lotteries and gambling.

Answer to Tenth Query.

In nearly all our meetings care has been taken to record each birth, removal and death that has occurred among its members during the past year, to preserve a duplicate or make a record of each marriage certificate, and to deposit completed record books in places of safety approved by the Meetings. Two Quarterly Meetings, however, acknowledge serious deficiencies.

The Committee on our Distant and Isolated Members produced the following report, which was read and approved, and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The Committee was continued and authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTANT AND ISOLATED MEMBERS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Distant and Isolated Members has held three meetings since last report. The clerk has written to the correspondents of all the monthly meetings asking for the necessary corrections in the addresses of isolated members.

A member of the committee who has recently been among Western Friends, stated that she had found several who had not received the Revised Discipline. It was therefore recommended that the Yearly Meeting enjoin upon all the monthly meetings to see that their distant members receive copies of the new book of Discipline, care being first taken to ascertain the correct addresses of these members.

A member of the committee has gone over the list of isolated Friends prepared by six of the Yearly Meetings, putting together all those who live at the same town or near the same post-office. The committee recommends that a pamphlet be published, containing an alphabetical list of all post-offices where isolated members of any of the Yearly Meetings reside, with the names of those who live at each place. This will open the way for concerned Friends to visit those who are separated from their monthly meetings, and

encourage them to be faithful in the maintenance of Friends' testimonies.

The expenses of the committee amount to $1.50, and an order has been drawn on the treasurer for that amount.

ELIZABETH LLOYD, Clerk.

Seventeenth of the Month and Sixth of the Week.

The remaining Queries were read with the answers received from our constituent meetings. Summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Eleventh Query.

There are 73 First-day schools held in connection with our meetings. They have been conducted in accordance with our principles and testimonies. They have been attended by 5,304 pupils, 2,741 of whom were members, 608 had one parent a member, 1,932 were adults. 647 persons were engaged as officers and teachers, of whom 471 were members. There were 20,793 books in the Libraries. 69 of these schools are under the care of Committees appointed in the Preparative or Monthly Meetings.

Answer to Twelfth Query.

There are 34 schools established amongst us for the education of our children, superintended by Committees appointed in our business meetings. They have been taught by 182 teachers, 118 of whom were members. 2,502

pupils were enrolled, 536 of whom were members, 229 had one parent a member. The teachers and pupils of 30 of these schools attended mid-week meetings.

Answer to Thirteenth Query.

No new Meetings have been established during the past year.

The following have been discontinued: The Preparative Meeting at Spruce Street in Philadelphia Quarter; the Indulged Meeting at Pennsbury in Bucks Quarter, and the Mid-week Meeting at Birmingham in Concord Quarter.

The following changes have been reported: All the evening meetings in Philadelphia are now held at Seventeenth Street and Girard Avenue. Abington Monthly Meeting in Abington Quarter has changed the hour for First-day Meetings from 10.30 to 11 o'clock from Tenth month 1st to Fifth month 1st. Birmingham Preparative Meeting in Concord Quarter is now held at the close of the meeting for worship on the First-day preceding the Monthly Meeting. Kennett Monthly Meeting in Western Quarter proposes to hold its Meetings as follows: at Kennett Square in the Eleventh, Twelfth, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Months; at Kennett in the Fifth and Eighth months; at Marlborough in the Sixth and Ninth months; and at Unionville in the Seventh and Tenth months: the change to take effect in Eleventh month next.

Answer to Fourteenth Query.

They are read, and endeavors are made to answer them as directed.

An Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting was received and read at this time.

The following communication was received from Women's Meeting, read and considered. A Committee was appointed to join a Committee of that Meeting in taking the subject into consideration. It is authorized to report to a future Yearly Meeting.

(For their names see page 124.)

"In connection with the consideration of the answers to the Sixth Query there was presented by a valued Friend a concern relative to a Home for Aged and Infirm Friends of limited means; that these should be provided for when the little they may have will secure in their declining years greater care and more comforts than such can individually procure for themselves.

"The concern took deep hold upon the Meeting, great unity being expressed therewith.

"It was concluded to lay the subject before the Men's Meeting, and appoint a Committee at a future sitting to give it due consideration."

Sixth-day—Afternoon.

A memorial concerning our deceased friend, Louisa J. Roberts, a minister, prepared by the Monthly

Meeting of Friends held at Green Street, Philadelphia, endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, and introduced by the Representative Committee, was read, approved, directed to be recorded and printed with the Extracts.

(For this Memorial see page 90.)

The Committee appointed at a former sittting to examine and settle the treasurer's account, etc., made the following report, which was read and approved. Edmund Webster therein named for Treasurer, and Alfred Moore and Anne M. Griscom proposed for Correspondents, were appointed to the respective services.

The Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay their quotas of the sum of $3000 to be raised for the use of the meeting to Edmund Webster, Treasurer, No. 1156 South Broad St., Philadelphia.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account met, almost all of the members being present.

The Treasurer's account was compared with his vouchers and found correct, showing the balance due the meeting of $2,568.80, which is deposited in the Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia to the credit of Edmund Webster, Treasurer.

His receipts have been:

Fifth month 16, 1895. Balance from Thomas J. Husband, former Treasurer	$3613.93
For interests on Deposits	43.62
Interest on Sarah Zane Legacy	60.00
Quotas from Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings	3000.00
Total,	$6717.55

His expenditures have been:

Amounts paid on orders drawn by the following committees:		
The Representative Committee	$1924.34	
" Educational "	1852.50	
" Discipline "	9.45	
" Philanthropic "	338.36	
" First-Day School "	24.10	$4148.75
Fifth month 15th, 1895, Balance due the Yearly Meeting		$2568.80

The Deborah Foreman legacy of $285.00, together with accumulated interest, is deposited in the Philadelphia Savings Fund.

Balance on hand Fifth month 16th, 1894,	$307.80	
Accured interest thereon	3.05	$310.85
Interest to First month 1st, 1895		5.45
Total received		316.30
First month 22d, 1895, paid Sarah Griscom		10.00
Balance in Savings Fund, Fifth month 15, 1895,		$306.30

The interest on this legacy is subject only to orders drawn by the Standing Committee of Women's Meeting.

The Sarah Zane legacy of $1,200 is invested in a bond and mortgage on city property, all the matured interest on which has been collected.

The Committee recommend that the sum of three thousand dollars ($3000.00) be raised the ensuing year.

They are united in proposing the name of Edmund Webster as Treasurer of this Meeting; also the names of Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Broad and Chestnut Sts., and Anne M. Griscom, 622 Marshall St., Philadelphia, for Correspondents.

The sixth annual report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, which is hereto annexed, together with the securities, were examined by a sub-committee and found correct. The amount of the bonds and mortgages was found as therein stated, $445,450.00. The balance of money not invested, $11,376.86, is deposited in the Land Title and Trust Company, and the Girard Life Insurance, Annuity and Trust Company of Philadelphia, to the credit of the above-mentioned Trustees, to be drawn only on the joint signatures of four of them.

The securities are kept in a special box deposited in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives, etc., accessible only by Alfred Moore and Joseph T. Bunting, Trustees, jointly, and not separately.

On behalf of the Committee,

HOWARD M. COOPER,

ANNIE SHOEMAKER.

The Committee on the subject of the Donation from the estate of Samuel Jeanes made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the several recommendations therein contained were united with.

The Friends therein named for Trustees of the Fund were appointed to the service upon the terms therein set forth, and the Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay unto them the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) in his hands with any accumulated interest, and accept their receipt as his voucher.

The Meeting having been informed that our Treasurer had deposited the said sum to his credit in a special account opened by him with the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, his action in this respect is approved.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute acknowledging the gift of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, to nominate trustees and present suggestions for the proper disposition of the Fund report that they nearly all met, and upon consideration of the subjects referred to them they were united in making the following recommendations:

First. That the following minute be adopted, and a copy thereof signed by the Clerks be forwarded to Anna T. Jeanes:

"This meeting gratefully acknowledges the receipt of two

hundred thousand dollars from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, through his sister, Anna T. Jeanes, to be applied by the Yearly Meeting to purposes specified.

"We greatly appreciate the interest thus shown by these Friends in the object to which they direct that this large fund shall be applied, and we are gratified by the confidence shown by them in intrusting us with its care and disposition, and we hope that we, and those who will come after us, may be found diligent and faithful in its important and responsible administration."

Second. That in all transactions connected with the gift it be known and designated as

THE SAMUEL JEANES FUND.

Third. That the whole of the said fund be invested, and only the income thereof be used for the purposes mentioned by the donors.

Fourth. That Alfred Moore, Franklin W. Hallowell, Edward Atkinson, Joseph T. Bunting, Thomas Baker, Bennett S. Walton and David Masters be appointed Trustees of the said fund, who shall hold the same in trust:

To invest and keep the same invested in real estate securities, collect the interest therefrom and pay the same when and as directed by the Yearly Meeting.

To assign, transfer, pay over and deliver when directed by the Yearly Meeting the whole of the said fund that may at any time be in their hands unto such new or other Trustees as the Yearly Meeting may appoint.

Fifth. That the sum of two thousand dollars of the ($2,000) income from the said fund, if so much shall be realized therefrom during the ensuing year, be appropriated to the use of the Committee on Education and Schools of the Yearly Meeting, to be used by the said Committee under the terms of the donation of the fund.

The Committee has not been able within the limited time afforded it to complete its labors. The presentation of a final report will therefore be postponed until next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM T. HILLIARD.
CYNTHIA S. HOLCOMB.

Fifth month 16th, 1895.

The Trustees of The Samuel Jeanes Fund were directed to pay the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) of accumulated interest, should the same be in their hands, to the Committee on Education and Schools if requested by them to do so.

To assist the Clerks in preparing, printing and distributing the Extracts a Committee was appointed.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Epistle produced an Essay which was read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign and furnish a copy thereof to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

A memorial concerning our deceased friend, Rebecca N. Iredell, prepared by Bristol Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Bucks Quarterly Meeting, and introduced by the Representative Committee, was read, approved, directed to be recorded and printed with the Extracts.

(For the Memorial see page 95.)

The following minute, embracing some of the exercises of the Meeting, was read and united with.

During the several sittings of the meeting it has been made manifest that the work of our beloved Society is not being suffered to languish.

We have been much encouraged by the appearance of a widening of interest in the various subjects which we have been called upon to consider.

We have felt impressed with the belief that our testimonies have never been more generally regarded, or more actively impressed upon the thought and conscience of our people.

This has been shown in the lively and profitable spirit of the several epistles received, which we can but regard as a beautiful feature of our organization, and in the full reports which have been prepared by the different committees of this Yearly Meeting.

These reports all show great carefulness and a sense of responsibility that add weight to their suggestions.

The report of the George School Committee gave evidence

that the labor and care of this meeting in the administration of this important trust has been blessed, and it is gratifying to believe that much good will continue to proceed from the operation of the school.

The report from our Committee on First-day Schools, as well as that on Philanthropic Labor, gives promise that the work of our interested members is bearing fruit in these fields, and opening out a rich prospect of future usefulness.

The hope was freely extended that we might, most especially among ourselves as a people, retain the ancient custom of using the plain language,—that while it may not at this day convey a distinction in rank, yet it is the language of love, of affection, of the home.

We were brought into a deep exercise upon the reading and answering of the first Query, by the deficiencies apparent in the attendance of many of our meetings, and we were feelingly advised to consider whether we as individuals by our unfaithfulness were contributing to the cause of anxiety; and were reminded that the assembling together for the purpose of Divine worship was a reasonable service; an acknowledgment of gratitude to the Heavenly Father for his continued blessings.

We were encouraged to keep to the true foundation principle, that of the inward revelation and power of God. It is not so much new methods that we need, as to remain faithful to what has already been revealed, and where there are those who come forth in the ministry care should be used that they re-

ceive proper encouragement, and not much criticism. The true and living church never has been built up on literary attainments, but only in a dependence on the power and loving influence of our Heavenly Father.

Much expression of approval was given to the labors of the Committee on Education, and they were encouraged to continue in their good work. They have, however, felt it incumbent upon them to remind Friends of the fact that while we make it obligatory upon teachers and pupils of our schools to attend Mid-week Meetings, many of our members feel at liberty to absent themselves, thereby presenting to the minds of the children an apparent inconsistency; and we were counselled to consider well the effect our example would have upon them as to the value of religious meetings.

Encouragement of the free ministry of the gospel and opposition to the system of a professional ministry are best maintained by an intelligent recognition of our individual responsibility, and an increased faith in the ever-sufficient and immediate revealings and leadings of the Holy Spirit to qualify us to hold all our meetings in the life and power of God.

Lively exercises on the subject of temperance and the prohibition of the liquor traffic found expression in earnest words of advice and encouragement, that our righteous testimony in reference thereto may continue to grow more effective and universal amongst us.

Friends were feelingly exhorted to discourage the spirit of military propagandism, and to continue their protest against

the introduction of military drill into the public schools. Managers of Friends' schools and colleges were recommended to discourage the growing disposition in pupils and others to indulge in training for and practicing competitive athletic sports, and to direct and control the recreations of those under their care that they may be kept within the bounds of reason and moderation consistent with our religious profession.

The company of a number of visiting Friends has been very refreshing and comforting to us, and although their voices may not all have been heard, their spirits have been felt to be in harmony with that which is sweetest and best in our commingling together.

Grateful for the privilege of again having been permitted to meet and transact with harmony and love the business of our Yearly Meeting, we now adjourn to meet again at the usual time next year if consistent with the will of the Most High.

Emmor Roberts, Clerk.

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

HELD IN

PHILADELPHIA,

BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF FIFTH MONTH
TO THE SEVENTEENTH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE,

1895.

EXTRACTS.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 13th of Fifth month to the 17th of the same, inclusive, 1895.

As we gathered into the silence aspirations arose that we might be guided during our deliberations by the Spirit of Truth. At the time of opening it almost seemed that we must pause for the coming of one who was a faithful servant of this body, ever instant in season at her post of duty. We sorrow for the vacant places. There have been gathered from their labors here those who have rendered loyal service, yet the fragrant memory of such lives will be a living inspiration to those who remain, if they also will employ the talents entrusted to them. Encouragement was extended to the younger members to leave the shadows and come out into the full light of the Father's guiding power, submitting to His requirement in whatever service may be called for.

Written reports from our eleven constituent branches were received and read. The representatives from these, appointed to attend the sessions of this meeting, upon being called, answered to their names except twelve; for the absence of four of these sufficient reasons were assigned.

The quotas from the several Quarterly Meetings have been received.

A committee was appointed to examine the account of Anne M. Griscom, Treasurer of Women's branch of the Yearly Meeting, and to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

To assist the Clerks in gathering the exercises of the meeting a few Friends were appointed.

Minutes of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were presented and read, as follows:

For William M. Way, a minister from Little Britain Monthly Meeting, Pa., endorsed by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting; for Isaac Wilson, a minister from West Lake Monthly Meeting, held at Bloomfield, Ontario; for John L. Griffin, an elder, from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of New York; and for Clarkson Heacock, and his wife, Elizabeth B. Heacock, members, from West Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Much gratitude was expressed for the presence of these, as

well as of those without minutes, who have felt drawn to mingle with us.

Epistles were received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. Those from New York, Ohio and Indiana were read at this time, introducing a feeling of sympathy with our distant sisters, bearing evidence that this manifestation of love and interest draws us closer together in the bonds of fellowship.

The language of one of the Epistles was feelingly revived, "To those who are of God the things of God are clear," and we were tenderly exhorted to dwell under this illuminating power. In all our concerns, whether secular, philanthropic or spiritual, in order to be fruitful branches we must abide in the vine.

A testimony to the value of silence was impressively presented. Not alone in religious worship, but in the busy press of life's cares and amid its turmoils, do we need to withdraw our spirits from those things which surround and engross, and to retire into that inner sanctuary where we can hear the language, "Be still and know that I am God." He is ever with us, and if we but open the windows of the soul we shall be conscious of His inshining and guiding light.

The subject of changing the hour for the convening of the afternoon sessions of the Yearly Meeting from three o'clock to half past two, was introduced from

Men's Meeting, with the information that they had united with the proposition. This meeting concurred in judgment.

The representatives were requested to confer together at the close of this session, and be prepared to propose to our afternoon meeting the name of a Friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, and one for Assistant Clerk the ensuing year.

Afternoon.

Hannah S. Marot, on behalf of the Representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing Sarah Griscom for Clerk, and Matilda Garrigues for Assistant Clerk, they also proposed Elizabeth H. Comly to render assistance as reader; these were united with, and appointed to the respective services.

The representatives who did not answer to their names at the opening of the morning session were again called, three of them responded.

The remaining Epistles from Baltimore, Genesee and Illinois Yearly Meetings were read, bringing to us tidings of the welfare of our sisters in those parts of the vineyard, and inciting us to faithfulness in the

work called for at our hands. To essay replies to these a committee was appointed.

The following communication, accompanied with the check of Anna T. Jeanes for two hundred thousand dollars, to the order of Edmund Webster, treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, was read:

"To the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends held at Race and Fifteenth Streets, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) is donated from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, to be devoted to educational purposes, to libraries, and the encouragement of literature on subjects moral, scientific and truthful, and for the support of Monthly Meeting schools under the management of members of the Society of Friends, located in districts where Friends are in sufficient numbers to require the use of school buildings, and beyond the limits of the City of Philadelphia." Upon consideration of the above the Meeting united in accepting the gift therein mentioned; Men's Meeting having also united.

A Committee was appointed to join a similar Committee of Men Friends in preparing a suitable minute acknowledging the same, and in nominating Trustees of the Fund. They were also requested to present to this Meeting, or to the Yearly Meeting to be held next year, suggestions for the proper disposition thereof.

To unite with a Committee of Men's Meeting in auditing the accounts of the Treasurer, and of the Trustees appointed by the Yearly Meeting, in examining the securities in their keeping, reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as correspondents of the Yearly Meeting, Annie Shoemaker and others were appointed.

Third-Day, Fifth month 14th—morning.

A comprehensive and satisfactory report of the Committee on the John M. George Bequest was read and accepted. The recommendations therein contained were generally united with and adopted by the Meeting, and the Committee was continued. The Trustees of the John M. George Bequest were instructed to pay over to this Committee as requested the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) of the principal of the Fund, together with all income now on hand, and to accrue during the coming year.

Expression was given to a feeling of deep appreciation of the greater educational advantages now available to our children. The Society has in the past suffered a great need in this direction, and the larger

opportunities now within our reach will be of inestimable value to many.

An interesting report of the Committee on Education and Schools was read and united with. The Meeting entered into sympathy with the Committee in the several concerns mentioned therein. Favorable comment was made upon the increase of temperance teaching in our schools, which is felt to be a work of great importance. The report also introduced an exercise in regard to the attendance of mid-week meetings. The children in our schools are expected to be present, and they may well ask the question why mothers and other members do not meet with them. Should not each one take thought of her responsibility in this matter, and be willing, even though it require some effort, to render this reasonable service?

The Committee was released, and Friends were named to unite with Men Friends in nominating a new Committee.

Afternoon.

An interesting report on the subject of First-day Schools was read and united with. The Committee was continued and encouraged to pursue its labors. Aspirations arose for the teachers, that they may

draw nigh to the fountain of life, and thus receive the living water which will enable them to minister to the needs of those committed to their care. This is a high and holy service, and the fields are white already to the harvests. May the laborers endeavor more and more to gather strength from the true source, for only thus can they be qualified to inspire the children with a desire to live in obedience to the Heavenly Father's will.

We have had a visit in gospel love from our Friend, Joseph Powell, who desired that we may be faithful and consistent workers in whatever fields of labor may open before us, and that when associated with others in philanthropic work, we, as Friends, may be careful not to lay waste our own testimonies.

An interesting report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor was read and considered. Interest was expressed in the faithful and arduous labors of the Committee, and encouragement given in the different departments of work done. The request of the Committee to be released was granted, and a Committee named to unite with Men Friends in nominating a new Committee.

Fourth-day, Fifth month 15th—morning.

The consideration of the state of our Society was entered upon as far as reading and answering the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Queries.

The reports show that there has been much deficiency in the attendance of our mid-week meetings. We were reminded that it is a great privilege to attend the Yearly Meeting, for we find here much social and religious enjoyment, but if we are not faithful in attending our smaller meetings, we cannot enjoy the full fruition that might be desired when we assemble in the larger body. If all experience the love that flows from vessel to vessel, and the strength that comes from communion with the source of all light and love, we may minister and be ministered unto even though there be no vocal utterance. Our Father withholds nothing that is needful, and it was felt that if greater faithfulness existed throughout the entire body it might be that the word of love, however simple, would oftener be given for the encouragement of those who hunger for it; and we were affectionately urged not to close the lips to even the humblest offering, should it arise in the Light.

The physical and moral effects of the use of tobacco were feelingly brought to our attention, and we were

urged to continued labor against an evil which arrests bodily development, and dwarfs the moral sense.

Afternoon.

Our friend Rachel N. Mather informed this Meeting that a concern rested with her to pay a religious visit to Men's Meeting; sympathy was expressed with her and she set at liberty for the service.

The Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Queries, with the answers thereto, were read and weightily considered.

Sympathy was expressed with Overseers in the responsibilities which they bear, and the thought was given that others should feel a care to aid them. If love and unity exist in the fullness among our sisterhood, when there is ground for anxiety the word of advice or caution may be given and received in that sweet reasonableness in which the bond of sisterly feeling is not weakened.

Those interested in peace and arbitration are troubled at the signs of the times. The watchmen must be ever on the walls, and our Society, which for so many years has borne a testimony in favor of those things which make for peace, must not now relax its

vigilance in view of the movement in our land to introduce military training into the Public Schools.

The consideration of the answers to the Sixth Query introduced the Meeting into a deep sympathy with those among us whose circumstances are so limited as to need a home. The following Friends were appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing a suitable minute embracing the concern, and report to a future session; Mary M. Thomas, Lydia H. Hall, and Susanna M. Gaskill.

Our attention was again directed to the truth that there is a strength arising from obedience;—beginning in the home and in the family, and followed in the requirements of our spiritual life it leads from small openings to broader fields of usefulness. Counsel was given to the weary among us that they get down deep into the silence, and listen for the voice of God, and when he calls be willing to obey.

Fifth-day, Fifth month 16th—Afternoon.

The remaining Queries with their answers were read and considered.

The Minutes of the Representative Committee were read and their labors approved.

A feeling exercise was introduced expressive of deep sympathy with mothers, encouraging them to stand firm to principle in the matter of diversions that may seem to them harmful. In the tenderness of a mother's love they are often sorely tried in the desire not to deny their children, yet may they be encouraged to seek Best Wisdom in so acquainting those under their care with the principles which underlie this subject that the better judgment may be convinced.

Sixth-day, Fifth month 17th—morning.

The following, offered by the Committee appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing a suitable Minute embracing the concern relative to the establishment of a Home for aged and infirm Friends, was read, and generally united with:

MINUTE.

"In connection with the consideration of the answers to the Sixth Query there was presented by a valued Friend a concern relative to a Home for aged and infirm Friends of limited means; that these should be provided for where the little they may have will secure, in their declining years, greater care and more comfort than such can, individually, procure for themselves.

"The concern took deep hold upon the Meeting, great unity being expressed therewith. It was concluded to lay the subject before Men's Meeting, and appoint a Committee at a future sitting to give it due consideration."

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of Women's Yearly Meeting, and to offer the name of a Friend to serve as Treasurer, produced the following report, which was united with, and Anne M. Griscom therein named was re-appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. The quotas are to be forwarded as usual to the Treasurer, 622 Marshall Street, Philadelphia, until otherwise directed.

REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Philadelphia:

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Anne M. Griscom, Treasurer, all met, examined the accounts, compared them with the vouchers and found them correct, showing a balance of $1227.84. They were united in proposing the re-appointment of Anne M. Griscom for Treasurer. Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SARAH T. PRICE.
MARY F. SAUNDERS.

Fifth month 16th, 1895

We have had a visit from our Friend Isaac Wilson, with a message of love for wives, mothers and sisters; and a desire for all that our lives may be such as to wield an influence for good in the world around us.

An Epistle, prepared by the Committee appointed to essay a reply to those received from other Yearly Meetings, was read and fully united with. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward it to the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The Committee appointed to nominate Friends to compose a Committee on Philanthropic Labor, produced a report, which was read and united with by this and Men's Meeting, and the Friends named therein were appointed to the service, with the exception of Anna Mary Martin, who was released at her request.

The Committee appointed to bring forward the names of Friends to serve on the Committee on Education and Schools, made a report which was united with by this and Men's Meeting, and the Friends proposed were appointed for the service with the exception of William P. Bancroft, who desired to be released.

A memorial of Bristol Monthly Meeting concerning our deceased Friend, Rebecca N. Iredell, was read, reviving helpful memories of her loving and dedicated life.

Afternoon.

Men Friends informed that they had read and considered the Minute forwarded from this Meeting relative to the establishment of a Home, united with it, and appointed a Committee to unite with a Committee of this Meeting to take the subject into consideration and report to our next Yearly Meeting. The appointment of a Committee having been united with by this Meeting at a previous session, Friends were named for the purpose specified in the minute.

The report of the Committee on Distant and Isolated members was read, united with, and the Committee continued.

The Committee on the subject of the donation from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the Committee continued for further labor.

REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute acknowledging the gift of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, to nominate Trustees and present suggestions for the proper disposition of the Fund, report that they nearly all met, and upon con-

sideration of the subjects referred to them they were united in making the following recommendations:

First. That the following Minute be adopted, and a copy thereof, signed by the Clerks, be forwarded to Anna T. Jeanes:

"This meeting gratefully acknowledges the receipt of two hundred thousand dollars from the estate of Samuel Jeanes, through his sister, Anna T. Jeanes, to be applied by the Yearly Meeting to purposes specified.

"We greatly appreciete the interest thus shown by these Friends in the objects to which they direct that this large fund shall be applied, and we are gratified by the confidence shown by them in intrusting us with its care and disposition, and we hope that we, and those who will come after us, may be found diligent and faithful in its important and responsible administration."

Second. That in all transactions connected with the gift it be known and designated as The Samuel Jeanes Fund.

Third. That the whole of the said Fund be invested, and only the income thereof used for the purposes mentioned by the donors.

Fourth. That Alfred Moore, Franklin W. Hallowell, Edward Atkinson, Joseph T. Bunting, Thomas. Baker, Bennett S. Walton and David Masters be appointed Trustees of the said Fund, who shall hold the same in trust:

To invest and keep the same invested in real estate securities, collect the interest therefrom, and pay the same when and as directed by the Yearly Meeting.

To assign, transfer, pay over and deliver when directed by the Yearly Meeting the whole of the said Fund that may at any time be in their hands unto such new or other Trustees as the Yearly Meeting may appoint.

Fifth. That the sum of two thousand dollars of the income from the said Fund, if so much shall be realized therefrom the ensuing year, be appropriated to the use of the Committee on Education and Schools of the Yearly Meeting, to be used by the said Committee under the terms of the donation of the Fund.

The Committee has not been able within the limited time afforded it to complete its labors. The presentation of a final report will therefore be postponed until next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM T. HILLIARD.
CYNTHIA S. HOLCOMB.

Fifth month 16th, 1895.

The Clerks of this Yearly Meeting are directed to sign and forward to Anna T. Jeanes a copy of the Minute acknowledging the gift.

The Friends therein named for Trustees of the Fund were appointed to the service upon the terms therein set forth, although the feeling strongly prevailed in this Meeting that it would be proper at the end of the present year that Women Friends should be represented upon this Trust.

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to

pay unto them the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in his hands, with any accumulated interest, and accept their receipt as his voucher.

The Trustees are directed to pay the sum of two thousand dollars of the income from the said Fund, should the same be in their hands, to the Committee on Education and Schools, if required by them.

The meeting, having been informed that the Treasurer had deposited the said sum to his credit in a special account opened by him with the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, approved his action in this respect.

The Committee to examine and settle the account of Edmund Webster, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, made a report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and Edmund Webster, therein named for Treasurer, and Alfred Moore and Anne M. Griscom as Correspondents, were appointed to the respective services.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, was read and approved.

The Clerk is directed to draw upon the Treasurer for the printing of the Extracts and other necessary expenses.

A Memorial issued by the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Green Street, Philadelphia, concerning

our Friend, Louisa J. Roberts, was read, and was felt to be a truthful and fitting record of a life of loving service in varied fields of usefulness.

Our Meeting has been large, and the various sessions have been marked by a living interest in those things pertaining to the welfare of our Society.

We gathered together under a humbling sense of our needs, and that nought can satisfy the hunger of the soul but the help of Him who feedeth His flock.

Hearts have been bowed under a feeling of increased responsibility as we have remembered the vacant places, once filled by loving counsellors and earnest advocates of Truth. Their presence we have greatly missed, but we have been bidden to hold on our way, committing ourselves to His guidance who enabled them so faithfully to uphold the standard of righteousness.

Old and young have been united by the tender influence of His love, and gratefully can we acknowledge the realization of the promise, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Unto Him do we render thanksgiving.

The Meeting concluded, to meet at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

SARAH GRISCOM, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Containing Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, Committees, etc.

From the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in New York, from the 28th of Fifth month to the 31st of Fifth month, inclusive, 1894.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends:

We lovingly greet you, Friends, as we assemble on the one hundredth anniversary of our meeting's home in this City. One hundred and ninety-nine years ago our Yearly Meeting was established in the rural districts of Long Island. Nearly two hundred years of existence enables us to look back with thankfulness to a long line of honorable and honored ancestors, whose faithful services in their day and generation have contributed in no small degree to the abundance and value of our inheritance.

The Society of Friends owes its existence to a Divine call, and we believe it to have been God's instrument in proclaiming to the world a Divine message—a royal invitation. In spite of bitter opposition and persecution, this message met its response in the hearts of the people, and they flocked about those earnest workers who proclaimed the pure spirituality of religion, in accordance with the Divine declaration, that God is *spirit* and can *only* be worshipped in *spirit* and in *truth*.

They were called away from all dependence upon form to the pure witness for God in every soul, and in seeking His manifestation, they individually experienced that God is *indeed* the teacher of His people Himself. We believe the world needs this message fearlessly and lovingly proclaimed to day, and exemplified in the lives of the people who profess to make it the basis of their faith. Shall the next century mark an era of progress or decline of earnest, loving service for the Divine Master, looking unto Him with singleness of purpose for inspiration, for guidance, for strength to fulfill His will, or shall we fold our hands in idleness, carefully wrap in a napkin the talent which He has given us to improve, and increase by use in His service, bury it in the earth and receive the merited rebuke, with loss of that which has been committed to our care?

The future which lies before us as a Religious Society depends in a large measure upon how we shall answer this question to-day.

We are greatly encouraged by the interest manifested by our young people in the work of the Society. The warm and loving hearts which incite to kindly acts and helpful service, give evidence of responsiveness to the Divine life, which, acting upon these human lives of ours, can alone quicken and qualify us to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

While with tender and loving memories we miss the dear ones who have been called from works to reward, it is comforting to us to feel that, as of old, the prophet's mantle is falling upon younger shoulders, and that under our Heavenly Father's guidance, His work will still go on.

Our Philanthropic Committee's work has prospered during the last year, helped by our more efficient organization. We now have Committees in almost all the Monthly Meetings,

and have the satisfaction of seeing the good resulting from their labor. Our Prison Reform Committee has helped to secure by its persistent efforts an improvement in the places of imprisonment for women and children. We rejoice greatly that all of our Yearly Meetings have now joined in the Philanthropic work, feeling that our united labor will draw the bond of sympathy more closely, and make our service more effectual, for in union there is strength.

We are very grateful for your encouraging Epistle, and for the company of Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have come to sustain and cheer us, realizing "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth glad tidings."

In closing, we feel that we can adopt the words of Whittier's psalm as a fitting expression of our gratitude and aspirations.

"Our Father's God! from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet to-day, united, free,
And loyal to our land and Thee;
To thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one.

"Oh make thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law;
And, cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old!"

In love, we are your Friends.

Signed by direction of the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at New York, from the 28th to the 31st of 5th month inclusive, 1894.

WM. H. WILLITS, Clerk.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Baltimore by adjournments, Tenth month 29th to Eleventh month 1st inclusive, 1894.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch:

DEAR FRIENDS:—Gratefully acknowledging that high in the scale of blessings vouchsafed us by the all-bountiful Giver is the privilege we have of the interchange of fraternal greeting in the love of God, in which we enjoy fellowship and communion of the Saints,—we salute you.

Once more permitted to convene in our annual Gathering, we are cheered by the company of many visiting Friends; some in the public service of the Master, whose labors have been helpful to us in carrying on the business of the Church, encouraging to us individually, and in the work of practical Christianity, in which all of the branches of our Society are unitedly engaged.

The Meetings for Public Worship have been felt to be seasons of Divine favor and owned by the invisible Head of the visible Church, by His presence in the sanctuary of the hearts of the worshippers, and breathed through His instruments vocally.

The reading of the Epistles from you and the other Yearly Meetings, was as a stream of joyful refreshing to us in our journey towards the land of hope and promise, having as its source the fountain of Divine life.

The reports of the Committees in charge of the various departments of Philanthropic Labor, give evidence of an earnest

effort to give form and direction to the Heavenly impulses of our souls, for the amelioration of the sufferings of humanity and the correction of existing evils. The sessions devoted to First-day Schools, and the best methods for conducting their work, have been of great interest, and strong and earnest have been the exhortations, that having a beginning in the spirit of the "first great commandment," we may be able to establish our love for God in love for our brothers.

Our opportunities for work among the Indians have been quite limited of late, but our Standing Committee still continues to give them their oversight and care.

Our Sister Membership, by an organized committee, has been engaged in the effort of "Purifying the Press," and the report of that committee and accompanying expressions received by them from many editors and managers of our papers, and other interested and influential citizens, make us hopeful of good results.

In the consideration and discussions of this subject, there was presented a statement of existing conditions among the people, fearful and deplorable to contemplate, and an object lesson sufficiently convincing, of the necessity of making every effort to check the stream of pollution which is being constantly augmented by the corrupting publications of sensational literature, and carrying downward to depths of degradation and despair, pure Heaven-born souls.

The cause of Temperance we hope, not without faith, is making some advancement, and we now issue the following Minute, or declaration:

"Believing that the use and sale of Alcoholic Liquors as a beverage is a most serious obstacle to the progress of Christianity; that it causes the downfall of untold numbers of our brothers and sisters; and that it endangers the integrity of

our Republic; the Religious Society of Friends in Baltimore Yearly Meeting assembled, most earnestly protests against the licensing of such sale of Alcoholic Liquors by City, State or National Government, and urges the members of our Society to maintain a consistent opposition to the liquor power in all its forms, and against any system of obtaining revenue from them by the Government."

In the consideration of the State of Society, as presented by the Queries and their Answers, much salutary counsel was given and many exercises found expression, testifying to the value of our organization and worthy to be maintained, as the embodiment of those sublime Truths of the Gospel, which are presented in its Testimonies.

A stream of Gospel love and sympathy was opened and flowed freely towards those who may be under discouragement and depression, by reason of the great shrinkage in value of those commodities on which we are dependent for a livelihood, and they were encouraged to seek for strength and direction, in the One alone, sustaining and enabling Power.

We have felt a source of loss from the absence of many beloved Friends, who in years gone by have comforted and encouraged us by their labors, now gone to their reward, and the reading of two Memorials of deceased Friends who were ong engaged in public service, whose lives and characters present us with the evidence of the quickening and sustaining Power of the Divine Spirit, we trust may be helpful to us in our journey through this life, and safe establishment in the life that is to come.

Finally brethren, farewell; "Be ye perfect, of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace, who is able to keep you and sustain you, will be with you."

By direction and on behalf of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch, held at Baltimore by adjournments, Tenth month 29th to Eleventh month 1st inclusive, 1894.

EDWARD STABLER, JR., Clerk.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Mt. Pleasant from the 27th of Eighth month to the 30th of same, 1894.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS:—Under a sense of the Divine leading we feel called to address you, realizing the importance of spiritual fellowship and Christian association.

In this our annual assembly we have endeavored to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God, which is our reasonable service; and to know a consecration of mind and spirit to His blessed will.

Living testimony has been handed forth in our public meetings by the faithful servants of the Lord, and many hearts have been made glad by the refreshing stream of vital truth.

An earnest desire has been expressed, and largely felt amongst us, to adhere closely to the fundamental faith and doctrine of our Society.

There is regret felt that so many are being captured by the spirit of the world and deceived by its allurements, but we rejoice to know that many earnest hearts are seeking for the saving Truth and many devoted souls are hungering and thirsting for the true bread and water of life.

A deep concern is felt for the education of the children in spiritual truth and to encourage them in the line of proper activity in the service of the Society.

Upon reading the answers to the queries we are encouraged to believe that the principles of true charity are still taking root amongst our members, and that an increasing desire is

felt to so be under the power of the living Head that all can be answered in greater fulness.

The presence and counsel of a number of friends from other Yearly Meetings remind us of the fact that there is a river the streams whereof make glad the whole city of God.

With salutations of love and fellow feeling, desiring that you with ourselves may be preserved and advanced in the Divine Life, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

JOSEPH S. HARTLEY.
JANE EDGERTON. } Clerks.

From Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, held by adjournments, from the 1st day of the Tenth month to the 4th of the same, inclusive, 1894.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS:—We miss from their seats several of those who have been prominent and faithful in their places, to whom we could always look for counsel and guidance in the work of the Society. Their works have gone before them and now they have followed; but the remembrance of their well-spent lives will be a benison to us in all our after years.

The memory of the just is a blessing which should be tenderly cherished.

We are glad to be able to report that our Meeting has been larger than usual, and its business transacted in a very satisfactory manner. The Public Meetings on First-day and Fourth-day were large, and we think, marked by an active manifestation of the Divine presence.

The afternoon of the Fourth-day was, as is our custom, given up to the Annual Meeting of the First-day School Association. The Meetings of that Association showed a lively interest in the work. Of the twelve meetings belonging to the Yearly Meeting, ten have schools, with three hundred and eighty-eight pupils; making very nearly one-fourth as many pupils in the First-day school as there are members in the Society.

Archbishop Farrar says, "Any amount of normal religion which is not accompanied by love, meekness, truth, purity, contentment, is no better than sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

"To true religion, to genuine Christianity, no human being ever was, nor ever can be an enemy; for they only express the true relation of man to God, and the beauty of holiness, the God-like elevation of spirit, the pure consistency of character, the love and self sacrifice which spring from that relation."

It is said by W. E. Gladstone, that a British Lord one day came out of church very angry. "Why," said he, "What does that man mean by preaching such a sermon as that here!" "Why," he said, "we must make our religion control our every day business in life." "What does he mean by preaching such a doctrine as that here? It is insufferable." While no one now thus publicly announces his belief, we have melancholy evidence that there are many who practice it.

Friends have always believed, with the great thinker Benjamin Whichcot, that religion means "a good mind and a good life!" Let no theological sophistries, no spurious disquisitions draw us away from that stable foundation.

The Purification of the Press was presented to us as a matter of very great public interest; of the printing of newspapers, there would seem to be no end. Any reputable daily paper will have eight pages, and for its so-called "Saturday or Sunday issue" sixteen or twenty, and not unfrequently forty pages.

In order to fill so many pages, everything within reach must be raked in, bringing the tares with the wheat, the trash with the useful, the pure with the impure, the good with the bad.

The pure and the impure are thus thrown alike before the innocent and the already corrupt reader. The daily press has been styled the "great moral engine." It might be, but it may be, nay, is it not the great immoral engine? What is the remedy? Newspapers are printed, as Pindar's were made, "to sell," and no forty-page Sunday edition would be printed

unless it would sell. What is the remedy? It may be assumed safely, that conscience has little or no part, either in the editorial or the press room. What the reader demands is written and printed. Then must not the demand be cut off before the supply will cease? Will not the public be supplied with just such reading as it asks for or will buy?

At the suggestion of the Friends of Baltimore, a Committee was appointed to co operate with that meeting in an effort to secure justice to some of the Indians in New York, by the payment to them of money, long past due by the Government. We earnestly hope to see the time when the Government and the people will treat the long abused Indians with justice at least.

We are glad to be able to welcome into the union for Philanthropic Labor the last of our Yearly Meetings, feeling sure that with a united effort much good may be done.

The reading of your Fraternal letter, together with those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, made us realize with renewed force and thankfulness, that among the many turnings and over turnings of the religious world we have been enabled to hold fast to our position on the foundation on which our Society was planted, that light which lightens every man that comes into the world, and we feel glad in the thought that while our members do not increase as we would wish, yet we feel consolation and encouragement by the conviction that the light shed upon our hearts and minds is fast sending its beneficent beams into many hearts and minds not of our fold. Ideas held by Friends a long time, almost alone, are many of them public property.

The militia muster of fifty years ago, or the fine in lieu thereof has passed away; all are allowed to affirm in lieu of the oath. Co education of the sexes is becoming the rule everywhere, and the Government of the United States, the

first to propose it among the Governments of the world, has adopted arbitration as a means of the settlement of international disputes, and a large number of the Christian denominations of the world are changing and modifying their creeds or belief, and those changes are nearly all in the direction of what Friends have taught and believed since their foundation.

And now we tender to you the love of Christian brotherhood, with the hope and the belief that you will receive and be blessed with the protecting care of our Heavenly Father during the year to come.

Signed by direction of and in behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.

DAVIS FURNAS, Clerk.

From Genesee Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, held at Bloomfield, Ontario, by adjournments from the 11th of Sixth month to the 14th of the same, inclusive, 1894.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS:—Our annual gathering is small, but we may acknowledge with thankfulness that it has been a season of deep religious instruction.

The meetings for worship on First-day were large, and faithful testimony bearers were enabled to hand forth food suitable for our condition, also supplicating at the Throne of Grace that we might be its willing recipients.

We were reminded of the Father's love for his children, and that although we may have turned aside from the right path of rectitude, if we repent we shall be met like the prodigal, with true affection, and constrained to return.

The young were feelingly exhorted to show by exemplary living that they are striving to obey the Divine Leader, who in our early years makes strong impressions on the minds of youth and childhood, and if the young heart will permit itself to be filled with this heavenly spirit, it will control and bring into their proper places all their talents and power, and make them to know that all are indeed for good and if permitted they will remain so. They were counselled not to suppress the arisings of Divine life prompting to word or deed, but yield them fully, for he only is a coward who is afraid to do right.

The Epistles from other Yearly Meetings were full of en-

couragement, calling forth expressions of appreciation and gratitude for the feelings of fraternal love and interest from which they emanate.

In a review of the state of society, as shown by reports from the several Meetings, very few deficiencies appear, and thankfulness was expressed that such is the case.

We were exhorted to seek *first* the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and to remember that charity towards those who do not see eye to eye with us will be greatly increased by our earnestly seeking their highest good.

The youth were cautioned against participating in any amusements which their conviction of right will not endorse.

Three interesting sessions of the First-day School Associations were held, in which the reports given by the various schools were of a hopeful and encouraging nature, the programme for the special session showing careful selection and good judgment on the part of those engaged in it.

The Temperance Committee held one session, which was interesting and profitable, and evidence was given that our efforts in this direction has already borne fruit.

Much interest is manifested in Philanthropic Labor, and practical work is reported in different localities.

Evidence has been furnished, from time to time, of the presence of that life which is the only form that can qualify us to perform the duties for which we are assembled.

Gathering under a deep sense of our needs and our responsibilities, there has been an under current of precious sympathy, flowing as from vessel to vessel, drawing us nearer to each other, and to the fountain of life and strength.

And we believe our aspirations have reached His ear, who cares for His children, bears their burdens on his own shoulders, and strengthens and shapes their lives, who gives

each one of us a work to do, and qualifies us for it, and who will crown the faithful laborer with eternal life.

Signed by direction of Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends.

SAMUEL P. ZAVITZ,
SERENA A. MINARD, } Clerks.

From Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends, held by adjournments from the 17th of Ninth month to the 20th of the same, inclusive, 1894.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS:—With thankful hearts to our Heavenly Father we again met in our Annual Assembly to review the condition of our heritage.

The reading of your valued Epistle, as well as the reading of those from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, was found to be instructive and encouraging, causing us to feel that, although we are widely separated in the outward, yet are we drawn very closely together by a feeling of sympathetic harmony and love which binds us in religious fellowship with one common purpose—the advancement of Truth and righteousness among the children of men.

Christianity, as we understand it, consists in Christ-likeness: "Whoso keepeth His word, in Him verily hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby know we that we are in Him; he that saith he abideth in Him, ought also to walk even as He walked."

In the two sessions of our First-day School Association there was evidence of the continued interest and growth of this very important auxiliary to the maintaining and upbuilding of our beloved Society. A portion of the second session was devoted to a general discussion of plans and methods of First-day School teaching, which proved to be of great interest, and, we doubt not, with profitable results.

Our Meetings for Religious Worship on First-day, as well as

on Fourth-day, were felt to be seasons of deep spiritual exercise. While we were not favored with the presence of any recorded minister from other Yearly Meetings, as we have been in the past so often favored, we were edified by the presence and labor of an Elder from another Meeting. It seemed as though the presence of the Divine influenced both the speakers and the hearers to an extraordinary degree, and unmistakable evidence prevailed that God himself is revealed directly unto the souls of his obedient children in a wonderful manner. We were most earnestly entreated to, above all things, seek to do right, and to be obedient to the will of our Heavenly parent, even to the sacrifice, if need be, of former associates, home surroundings, political influence, worldly possessions, suffering persecution, martydom, and all else for the Truth's sake. The self-sacrificing life of Jesus, so perfectly sublime and holy, was portrayed as an example with the less worthy personages of the Apostle Paul, Martin Luther, John Wesley, George Fox and others. Verily these practiced a faith indicating to the fullest their firm belief in the injunction, "First seek ye the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, and all things needful shall be added unto you."

The illustration of the Garden of Eden was presented to our view in a spiritual application to the innermost part of man. Rarely have we experienced a more general baptism of the Holy Spirit within our Meetings for Divine Worship.

On Second-day evening, as has been our custom for several years, we held our Children's Meeting. One of the features of this Meeting was an illustrated black-board lesson upon the Prodigal Son. A series of steps were presented to indicate how one, followed by another, brought down to the lowest condition; these, in their turn, were called by names as follows: Ingratitude, Selfishness, Wickedness, Want and

Woe. Then the poor outcast by his own volition, realizing his almost totally lost condition by the remaining spark of God's love—the love of the Father, again is induced to take the ascending scale of steps, known in their turn by the names as follows: Thinks, Resolves, Starts, Seeks, Confesses; while the Father, from afar off, is on a stairway of steps named: Watches, Sees, Pities, Receives, Honors. The Prodigal counted on a father's frown and a servant's place, and a life of hard service at home; but instead of this the father cuts short the confession with loving embraces. Sincere, honest repentance of the wrong doer always begets forgiveness in not only an earthly father, but ever does, in a much fuller sense, obtain forgiveness from our Heavenly parent. The lesson concluded with the reading of the story of the Prodigal Son, as written in Luke 15: 11–32. This exercise was followed by brief moral stories, narrated in simple language, which the youngest present could easily understand. These Children's Meetings are eagerly looked forward to by our little ones, and we trust that the endeavor to become as a little child, at times, may prove of spiritual advantage to us all.

The answers to our Queries evidenced that brotherly love existed, faithful testimony is borne in favor of a Free Gospel Ministry. Meetings for Worship on First-day of the week are fairly well attended, no unbecoming behavior is reported. Simplicity and utility of apparel are generally observed; plain and honest speech is encouraged; care is exercised to supply profitable and inviting literature; with one exception, Subordinate Meetings appear to be clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and the use of tobacco is discouraged. Greater care as to attending unprofitable places of diversion was deemed advisable by some.

As on previous occasions, we were admonished to be

guarded in our individual doings, bearing in mind that the young are wont to do as we do, rather than as we say. "Actions speak louder than words," ofttimes, and that our example is a more powerful influence for good or evil than our precepts.

That portion of our Fourth Query, referring to the use of tobacco, which read: "Are Friends careful to discourage the use of Tobacco, especially with the young, as being both useless and injurious?" was changed to read as follows: "Are Friends clear of the raising, manufacture, use and sale of Tobacco in all its varied forms, and are they careful to discourage the use of it by others?" We are rejoiced to say that there was entire unity in our Meeting in the adoption of this change in the above Query.

The report of the Chairman of the Philanthropic Labor Committee was read, including the reports of the Superintendents in the various Departments of Corrupt Literature and Social Purity, Indian Affairs, Lotteries, Gambling and Kindred Vices, Peace and Arbitration, Prison Affairs, Temperance Affairs, and Educational Interests, manifesting thoughtful labor in the different lines of work. The feeling was expressed that it was the most satisfactory and comprehensive report we have had from this Committee. We were rejoiced in the thought that all the seven Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends in America are now engaged in this Philanthropic Labor. Truly there is cause for great encouragement when we consider how the appreciation of this character of work in our Society has developed. We were inspired to greater faithfulness in this labor by the verbal reports from our representatives to those wonderfully interesting sessions at the Conference of the Philanthropic Union recently held at Chappaqua, New York.

The following was fully united with, reaffirming our position

upon the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage and narcotics, as expressed two years since, as follows:

Being unconditionally opposed to the traffic in intoxicating liquors of all kinds as a beverage, and believing it to be our duty as a Society, and as individuals, to do everything practicable to aid in its suppression, we declare ourselves opposed to legalizing it by License or any other manner, and in favor of its prohibition by Constitutional Provision or Statutory Enactment, or both.

We also believe it to be our duty to endeavor in all legitimate ways to suppress the evasion and abuse to which such prohibitory enactments are liable, arising from laws allowing the sale of alcoholic and narcotic preparations for medical and mechanical purposes.

The lives we live are the results of the thoughts we think; hence doing right, without the right thought to inspire it, will avail us little; yet still we believe that right living is the best evidence that we are in possession of the pure religion of Jesus Christ. Life's duty, therefore, is to first think right, then do right.

With an earnest desire that we may, individually and collectively, be at all times obedient and faithful in the discharge of our varied secular and spiritual duties, and with our deepest sympathy and Christian love, we bid you farewell, and remain your Friends.

Signed by direction of Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends, held by adjournment from Ninth month 17th to 20th, inclusive, 1894.

OLIVER WILSON, *Clerk.*

A Memorial of our Deceased Friend, Louisa J. Roberts, issued by the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Green Street, Philadelphia, First Month 16th, 1895.

The light of the earthly life has gone out from one who in our very midst labored long and zealously in the cause of Truth, and it is with a feeling of grateful love that this meeting bears testimony to her humble and upright life.

Louisa Jewett Roberts was the daughter of Sarah Ann and Nathaniel Lynde Raymond, and was born at Cannon's Ferry, Sussex County, Delaware, on Second month 21st, 1819. When she was but four years of age, her father died. Subsequently the mother and daughter came to Philadelphia, where at the age of fifteen Louisa opened a primary school, devoting her leisure time to the improvement of her own education. In 1837 she took charge of the Girls' Department in a school conducted by Spencer Roberts, with whom she was united in marriage Eighth month 6th, 1840.

At an early age she united herself with the Baptists, having imbibed the religious views of her mother, who was a conscientious Christian woman. She continued in membership with that religious denomination until after her mother's death in 1850. After her marriage, she attended Friends' meetings with her husband, and became so fully impressed with the value of the religious principles professed by this Society, that she felt constrained to resign from the organization of which she was a member and to make application for membership with Friends, which she did, and was received in 1857.

She deeply appreciated the freedom of thought that Friends enjoy, and looked to that loving spirit which would embrace all mankind as brothers. Filled with love and kindness, she exercised a good degree of "that charity, which thinketh no evil."

Having a little family of her own around her, she felt the need of gathering the children together for religious instruction, and assisted Jane Johnson in opening the first First-day School in Philadelphia under the care of Friends, at Green Street meeting-house, in 1861; and during the remaining years of her life, much of her time and service were given to foster this cherished object. In this connection, as in many others, it may be said that although her life-service is ended, her works do follow her.

In 1862 she was visited by a severe affliction in the death of three of her children, which almost overwhelmed her; but her spirit was sustained by a faith in Divine love, which supported her in this trying hour. While suffering under this bereavement she turned her thought and activity to the freedmen of the South, visited them, sympathized with their needs, and was a pioneer in opening schools among them. She was planning a visit to one of these schools for the colored people at the time of her sudden death, nearly thirty years after their organization, and she had maintained a lively interest in their welfare during all these years.

Her benevolence and practical sympathy exercised for the relief of the poor of Philadelphia are well known. Her labors were not confined to one locality or object, but she was ever ready with her cheerful spirit and kindly sympathies to minister to the sorrows or necessities of the afflicted; nor did she allow the many claims outside of her home to prevent the fulfilment of the duties of her household.

In her home she was energetic, hospitable, cheerful, and ready to give the word of encouragement to those around her. "To do good and to communicate" was the key-note of her life, and the zealous, earnest outpouring of her gifts—whether of hospitality, the word of cheer, or the written thought—occupied the activity of her ever generous nature. Whatever she had, she shared, and her larder and basket were never empty; cheerfulness clothed her like a radiance from "white raiment," making her presence an inspiration and a help to all who were ready to receive. She manifested "that joy in believing" which is the inheritance of all who are faithful in the little, and are content with the "penny-a-day," or heavenly peace, which is the promised reward for labor in Christ's vineyard.

Although her health was frail, her capacity for work seemed unlimited, and her intense earnestness for the good of others enabled her to forget self in the cause of the Master. It may truthfully be said of her, she was "not slothful in business; but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

With a mind that eagerly grasped its object, a memory uncommonly retentive, and habits of steady perseverance, her talents could not fail to be cultivated and her mind enriched. The influence she exercised upon the social circle by her facility in imparting to those around her the varied information she possessed, has been remarked by those with whom she mingled, often skillfully turning the conversation from a light and trifling character, to one of profit and instruction.

She was particularly gifted with her pen, and left many valuable evidences that her talent in this direction was fully employed. She devoted many years of faithful labor as an editor of *Friends' Intelligencer and Journal*, to which she was also a constant contributor. She furnished regularly the com-

ment on the Scripture Lessons, also papers on religious topics for general reading, intended to emphasize some principle held dear to the Religious Society of Friends. She ever manifested a warm interest in the young, and wrote many pleasant narratives for their entertainment and instruction.

She was long an exhorter to good works and individual faithfulness; she rebuked evil-doers fearlessly; and by her strong personality that brought her close to her friends, they felt and realized the sincerity of her life and profession.

Amid all her varied engagements, she never neglected her religious meetings, but was diligent in the attendance of them, both for worship and discipline, and entreated all to a faithful observance of this important obligation.

She became an acknowledged minister in 1886, and was ever an earnest and zealous advocate of the principles we profess. In companionship with her husband, she visited all of the Yearly Meetings, and travelled extensively through the West, bearing the Gospel message to many isolated families, encouraging them to meet together for Divine Worship, and thus strengthen one another. She visited the Indians of Nebraska a number of times, and gave interesting and memorable accounts of these visits to the children of our schools; she exhibited specimens of their handiwork, and explained their customs and beliefs, enlisting the interest of her hearers in behalf of this down-trodden race.

Her services were called upon and cheerfully rendered in the fulfilment of many important appointments relating to the welfare of the Society she loved. Her desire that she might not outlive her usefulness was mercifully granted, inasmuch as she folded her hands at the close of a busy day, after but a few hours of intense suffering on Third month 8th, 1893. Her spirit was clothed with faith in the declaration: "I shall be-

hold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake, with Thy likeness."

Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Green Street.

JAMES GASKILL,
ANNA F. LEVICK, } Clerks.

Read in and approved by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting held Second month 5th, 1895.

ISAAC H. HILBORN,
ANNIE SHOEMAKER, } Clerks.

Read in and approved by a Meeting of the Representative Committee or Meeting for Sufferings, held the 13th of Fifth month, 1895.

BENNETT WALTON, Clerk for the day.

A Memorial of Bristol Monthly Meeting Concerning Rebecca N. Iredell.

"The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Truly this can be said of our dear departed friend, whose consistent life and faithful labors are worthy of enduring remembrance. Rebecca Newbold Iredell, daughter of Samuel and Abigail Howell Newbold, was born in Camden, Delaware, Fifth month 5th, 1807. She came of a goodly lineage, her parents being exemplary members of the Society of Friends, as were a long line of ancestry, some of whom were, like herself, called to be testimony bearers in the Lord's service. Her parents removed with their family, whilst Rebecca was still a child, to Byberry, Pennsylvania. Losing her mother in her tender years, her affectionate heart found comfort in her father's love and in the care of her young sister and brothers—the youngest an infant. From early childhood her character was marked by those qualities which only became more prominent as time developed her faculties. Conspicuous in her was great purity of nature, with clear intellect and unbroken serenity of disposition under heavy trials and afflictions, Of her it might truly be said: "Greater is he who ruleth his spirit than he who taketh a city." Always intellectual in her tastes and pleasures in her young womanhood, she laid up a rich store, in a remarkably retentive memory, of the treasures in our classical poetry. Cowper was an especial favorite with her, being able to repeat from memory a large portion of his works. Paradise Lost, Young's poems and many others became her own in the same way. She was also a diligent student of the Bible and

very accurate in her knowledge of it. On the 8th of Tenth month, 1829, at Byberry meeting house, she was united in marriage to Charles T. Iredell, a man of unswerving integrity and uprightness of character, who held many positions of responsibility and trust in the meeting and community to which he belonged. They established their home at Bristol, Pa., where she resided the remainder of her life. Ten sons and daughters were born to them. Steadfast in the performance of duty she united gentleness with firmness, training her children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." A harmonious union of nearly fifty three years was severed by the death of her husband on the 10th day of Sixth month, 1882, in the 77th year of his age. This trial she bore with humility and sweetness. In the longer span of life granted her, she was surrounded by the loving care of her devoted children. In all the relations of life, as daughter, sister, wife and mother was this dear Friend faithful, ever striving to live near the Master. It was her custom to retire to her own room each day and in silence hold communion with her Heavenly Father, returning to the family with a bright, refreshed spirit, beautiful to behold. And she would recommend her family so to retire, to gain strength for duty, saying it had always been a great source of comfort and refreshment to her. Beautiful as was her private life and character, no less stimulating was her example in performing all public duties. As elder and overseer for many years she watched with loving care over the interests of our little flock. Some time after her marriage she became aware that she was required to bear a vocal testimony in the service of her Divine Master. This caused her to pass through many deep baptisms and conflicts of spirit before she was willing to submit, but her sweet and humble nature yielded and she frequently appeared in pub-

lic testimony to the general satisfaction of Friends, and in due time was recommended as a Gospel minister by Middletown Monthly Meeting, Ninth month 9th, 1842. She traveled in company with other Friends on several religious visits to different parts of this and adjoining States, visiting families and attending meetings. Her communications were never lengthy, but in words fitly chosen and with all gentleness and humility she showed the path she trod to attain that peace which passeth all understanding. To look on her countenance was to know she had reached the kingdom of Heaven here on earth. All efforts to lift humanity to a higher level found in her an earnest advocate. Slavery was abhorrent to her sense of justice and right and her great love of mankind In former years she was active in the Anti-Slavery cause, aiding it by every means in her power. An ardent sympathizer with the cause of Temperance, she constantly taught and practiced its strictest principles. For a long period, she was a member of the Peace and Arbitration Society. And for years served on the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, in which subject she took a lively interest. In the First-day school, her interest was deep and her words of loving counsel arrested the earnest attention of all present. This dear "Mother in Israel," having thus spent a long and useful life in doing the will of her Heavenly Father as revealed to her by the illumination of "His Holy Spirit," departed this life after an illness of a few days, her spirit gently and sweetly leaving its earthly tenement on the 23d day of the Fourth month, 1893, being within a few days of having completed her 86th year. All of her faculties remained undimmed to the last, except a few years before her death her sight was somewhat impaired; and thus closed this beautiful and noble life to our vision.

Read in and approved by Bristol Monthly Meeting of Friends this Eleventh day of Eleventh month, 1894, and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

G. W. Adams, Clerk.

Read in and approved by Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Second month 28th, 1895, and directed to be signed on behalf thereof and forwarded to the Representative Committee.

Mark P. Rich, Clerk.

Read in and approved at a Meeting of the Representative Committee or Meeting for Sufferings the 13th day of Fifth month, 1895.

Bennett S. Walton, Clerk for the day.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Representative Committee, and List of Books on Hand.

The Committee having charge of the fire-proof and book-case report that the following books are contained therein :

Life of Wm. Penn.
Life of John Richardson.
Barclay's Apology.
Barclay's Catechism.
John Woolman's Journal.
Peace Principles Exemplified. S. M. Janney.
Summary of Christian Doctrines. S. M. Janney.
Conversations on Religious Subjects. S. M. Janney.
Holy Life. Hugh Turford.
Dymond on War.
Dr. Joseph Parrish's Letter.
Letter of Wm. Penn to his Wife and Children.
Short Account of Peter Gardiner.
Advice of William Penn to his Children.
Rules of Discipline.
Rise and Progress. W. Penn.
Testimonies of Truth. Jane Johnson.
Memoirs of Samuel M. Janney.
Vital Religion. S. M. Janney.
No Cross, No Crown. Wm. Penn.
Church Discipline. Job Scott.
Dell on Baptism.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Discipline.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Testimonies.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Ministry and Divine Worship.

Epistle of Tender Caution. Job Scott.

Life of George Fox. S. M. Janney.

Journal of Sarah Hunt.

Doctrine and Discipline of the Society of Friends, by William Gibbons, M. D.

Testimony and Views of Friends concerning the Scriptures.

Retrospect of Early Quakerism.

Salvation by Christ. Job Scott.

Familiar Dialogues.

Essay on Music.

During the past year there have been distributed several hundred copies of books and pamphlets.

The Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings, states, for the information of Friends, that the books and pamphlets in the "fire-proof and book-case" belonging to the Yearly Meeting are for distribution among those who desire to become acquainted with our religious principles and testimonies.

Members of the Representative Committee have access to the "fire-proof" by application to Benjamin Walton, on the premises.

It is expected that Friends who have a concern to distribute books and pamphlets contained therein will apply to any member of the committee appointed by his or her Quarterly Meeting.

A book is provided for the purpose of recording books taken out, and the name of the Friend granting the order, *and it is desired that such entry shall not be omitted.*

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting of the Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings, held Fifth month 13th, 1895.

WILLIAM WADE GRISCOM, Clerk.

Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of Bequest of John M. George, Deceased.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Fifth month 12th, 1894. Balance of securities and cash in our hands reported to the Yearly Meeting of 1894, and approved by Auditing Committee			$478,581.98
Fifth month 11th, 1895. Interest on deposits allowed by Girard Life Insurance, Annuity, and Trust Company	$ 60.87		
Land Title and Trust Company	181.54		
Interest on mortgages from Fifth month 12th, 1894, to date	20,228.47		
Total receipts of income for the year		$20,470.88	
We have expended on account of the year's income the following sums:			
Clerk's salary	$200.00		
Rent of safe deposit box	5.00		
Incidentals	21.00	$226.00	$20,244.88
We have paid out on drafts of the general committee the following sums:			
Seventh month 9th, 1894, on account of principal		$ 15,000	
Tenth month 9th, 1894, on account of principal		7,000	
Tenth month 9th, 1894, on account of income		5,000	
Twelfth month 7th, 1894, on account of income		5,000	

Fourth month 4th, 1895, on account of income	5,000	
Fourth month 23d, 1895, on account of income	5,000	
		42,000
Balance of securities and cash in our hands		$456,826.86

The above balance consists of:

Bonds and mortgages	$445,450.00	
Cash	11,376.86	
		$456,826 86

And is composed of:

Principal	$426,342.22	
Income	30,484 64	
		$456,826.86

Since Fifth month 12th, 1894, mortgages to the amount of $16,500 have been paid off, and the sum of $8,500 has been invested by the Trustees. All interest due up to Fifth month 11th, 1895, has been paid except $285 00. In the above amount of principal is included the mortgage for $12,000 secured upon land conveyed to the Trustees referred to in our reports since 1892. No account has been taken of any interest thereon.

ALFRED MOORE,
FRANKLIN W. HALLOWELL,
EDWARD ATKINSON,
JOSEPH T. BUNTING,
THOMAS BAKER,
BENNETT S. WALTON,
DAVID MASTERS,
Trustees.

Philadelphia, Fifth month 11th, 1895.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, which is hereto appended, together with the securities and cash, have been examined by the undersigned sub-committee and found correct. Signed this sixteenth day of Fifth month, 1895.

ANNIE SHOEMAKER,
MATILDA E. JANNEY,
CHARLES PALMER,
S. ROBINSON COALE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE SCHOOL.

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